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SUBJECT: ATTITUDE TOWARD U.S. ASSISTANCE

REF: JAKARTA 1687

1. DURING COURSE OF LONG DISCUSSION ON CIVIL AVIATION MATTERS, MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS SALIM MADE ADDITIONAL COMMENT: "YOUR ATTITUDE ON CIVIL AVIATION MATTERS REFLECTS A GENERAL U.S. ATTITUDE THAT INDONESIA IS NOT IMPORTANT. YOU HAVE BEEN CUTTING BOTH MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID AT A TIME WHEN INDONESIA'S NEEDS ARE STILL GREAT."

2. I COUNTERED BY OUTLINING ADMINISTRATION'S POSITION SEEKING ADDITIONAL MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND MAINTAINING SUBSTANTIAL LEVEL OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE DESPITE INDONESIA'S STATUS AS OPEC COUNTRY.

3. FOREGOING ILLUSTRATES CONTINUING PROBLEM OF KEEPING FACTS REGARDING ASSISTANCE BEFORE KEY INDONESIANS, COUNTERING PRESS SPECULATION ON FUTURE OF AID, AND REASSURING THEM THAT U.S. IS NOT REDUCING ITS ESTIMATE OF IMPORTANCE OF SOUTHEAST ASIA.

4. I DETECT NO IMPLICATION THAT ADDITIONAL AID WOULD FACILITATE CIVIL AIR AGREEMENT BUT SOME MIGHT READ IT
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